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Caller questions if Romulus school board president should serve

The new Romulus school board president, Mr. McCraight, should have refused the position of president. His attendance over the past two years is questionable, along with his residency.

Correction: it's been almost a year since DeHart sat on council

At your next candidate screening, please remember that the voters deserve accurate information. At the time of your endorsement, Eileen DeHart, candidate for state senator, was not serving as a Westland councilwoman. She was on at one time, but not in 2002.

Remind officials about the rat infestation on the city's east side

Please provide a follow-up story on the rat problem in Westland. Only if this issue stays on the front page will those at city hall be embarrassed enough to correct the situation. All neighbors' homes should be walked and inspected. Those homeowners found violating ordinances should be ticketed. If someone either can't do the necessary clean-up work because of age or disability, our city should provide assistance using community service workers. Otherwise, the city must do the work and charge the homeowner for the time.

Palmer Road, between Newburgh and John Hix, needs repairs

They ought to do something about Palmer Road, between Newburgh and John Hix. That road is atrocious. Drive up and down that road and see how bad it is.

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Gun-toting teens spray car with bullets

Victims shot and terrorized

By BRENDA GRACIN
MCN Staff Writer

Ricky Griswold-Rushlow, age 19, and Vincent Bearinger, age 20, may spend many of their early adult years in prison. Both men have been bound over by Judge Brian Oakley on attempted murder, and felony firearm.

Romulus police were called to the scene of a shooting on the afternoon of July 14 at approximately 7:00 p.m. Rushlow and Bearinger allegedly fired several shots into the pickup truck of Lee Estes, age 25. Also in the vehicle at that time, a fifteen year old girl, a friend of all three men.

According to a report filed by Sgt. Kapelanski of the Romulus PD, Estes encounter with the two men began after he attempted to follow them to try and write down a license plate number. It is believed that the two may have been involved in an accident earlier in the day, causing damage to another vehicle.

The report also indicates that both men had been drinking heavily, and residents were concerned that they were operating a motor vehicle under those conditions.

Estes, along with the 15-year-old passenger, followed Bearinger and Rushlow for approximately 3 miles to the corner of Beverly and Inkster Road. At that time, Bearinger applied the brakes, causing Estes to have to swerve around him to avoid hitting him. Trying to go around them, Estes testified that Bearinger pulled a gun, aimed it out the window and began shooting.

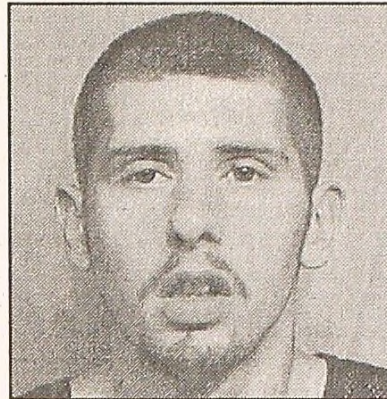
The bullet entered Estes' car through the passenger side window, hitting Estes in the arm. "I saw Ricky getting out of the car with a gun to finish me off, so I made a left turn into a parking lot," said Estes. Pushing his passenger to the floor of the vehicle, Estes noticed the two men coming at him through the parking lot. "I heard three shots before I blacked out for a minute," said Estes.

Estes then took off at a high rate of speed to get away from the two men, managing to get to a friend's house who then called Romulus police and took Estes to a nearby hospital. He was then transferred to the University of Michigan Hospital due to the serious nature of his injury.

Testimony from the young girl who had been the passenger in Estes'

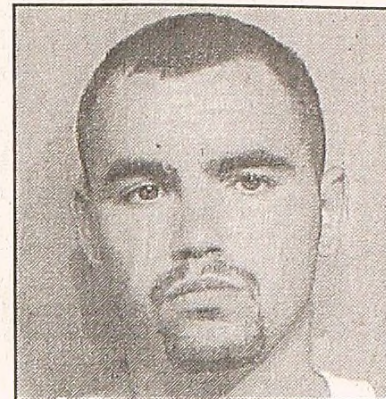
vehicle indicated that the first gunshot had passed so close to her head that the heat from the bullet burned her a little. So upset at one point that she had to pause in her testimony, the girl then went on to indicate that she was afraid they were going to kill her. "I knew Vincey, I couldn't believe he was trying to hurt me," she said.

Apparently the two men had stolen the weapon used in the shooting from Rushlow's grandfather, Charles Garrett. Testimony from Garrett indicated that the gun had been reported as stolen on July 15th, when he noticed the weapon missing from a case he kept it in. The weapon, a 9 millimeter blue steel semi-automatic had been kept in an upstairs room. Garrett identified the gun now in the custody of Romulus po-



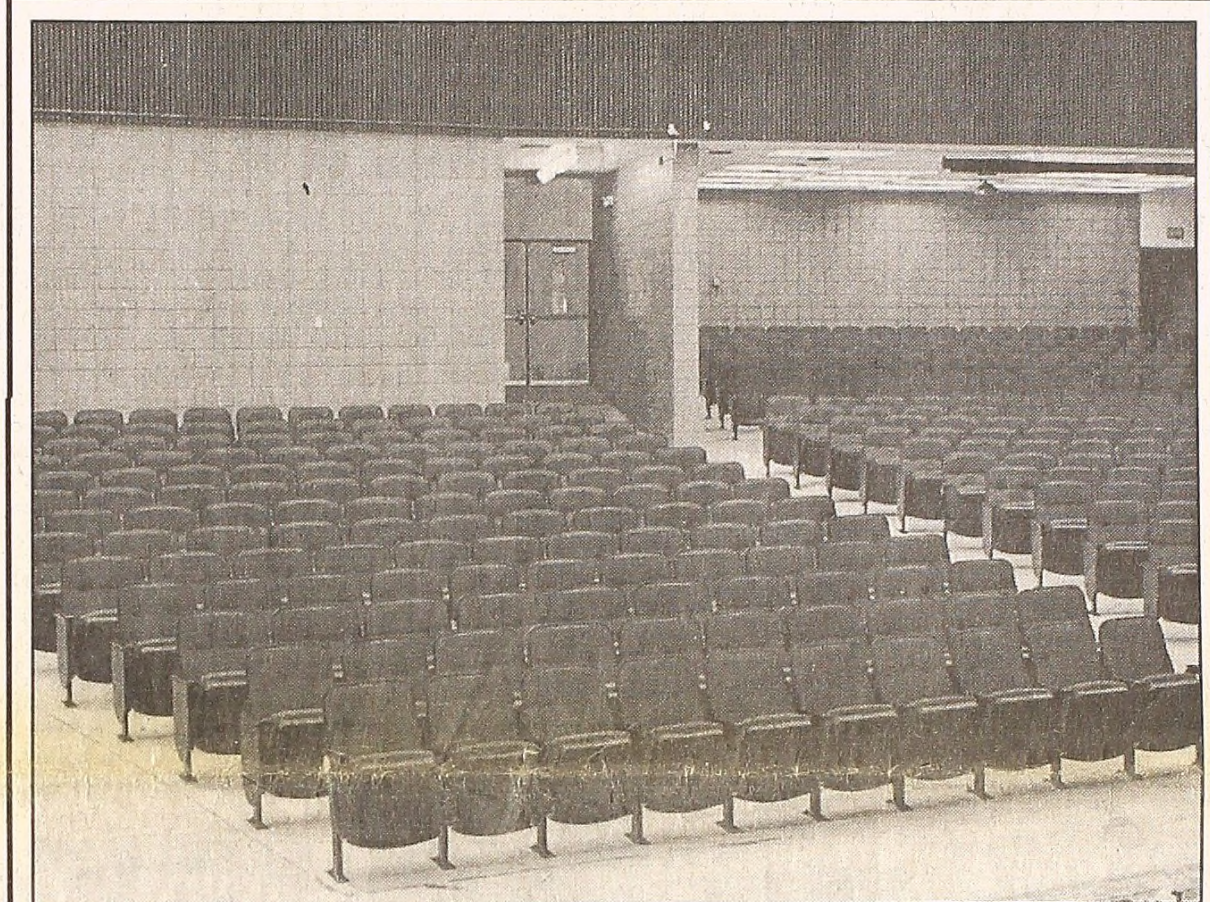
Ricky Griswold-Rushlow

lice as being his gun. Prosecutor Maria Petito asked Oakley to bind over the defendants as charged. Indicating facts in evidence



Vincent Bearinger

to support the charges, Oakley bound both men over. They were then returned to the Wayne County Jail, pending trial.



Romulus students will return to a brand new facility this September.

Spiffy seats!

The Romulus Sr. High School auditorium has received a complete renovation this summer. The refurbishing is one of several summer construction projects that will complete the \$34 million 1999 bond program.

Construction workers first took out all the old seating that had been in use for over 30 years and began work on the ceiling light fixtures. They then filled in the holes left in the floor by the

old seating before painting the floor and ceiling. Additional work was performed on the ceiling tiles and ceiling paint in the stage area.

The auditorium stage also received major attention. The stage floor was sanded and received a shiny new finish and the old curtains were replaced. A new auditorium I sound system, a new lighting system and new partitioning doors (for the back sections)

will also be installed in the near future.

The final part of this project was the installation of the 700 new deluxe seats in the auditorium. The new furniture features wider seats and provides for greater legroom for attendees. Students and local residents will really enjoy and appreciate the comfortable new seating as well as the new sound and light systems at future concerts and programs.

Sex victim's testimony binds cop over

By BRENDA GRACIN
MCN Special Writer

Judge Brian Oakley of the 34th District Court has bound over the Inkster police officer who has been accused of letting a Romulus woman out of possible arrest in exchange for sex, for trial.

Preliminary exam was held in the case last Wednesday, at which testimony was given by Khianna Nicole Caleb about her June 21 encounter with Officer Steven Yagilea of the Inkster police department.

Witnesses to erratic driving by Caleb through Dearborn into Inkster, had called Inkster police to notify them that Caleb appeared to be intoxicated. Following her until officers arrived, Dearborn resident Leo Skudlarek, age 17, testified that Caleb was weaving back and forth across road lanes, accelerating, decelerating, and appeared to have a hard time controlling her vehicle.

Concerned that she could hurt someone, Skudlarek notified police. He continued to follow her until she was pulled over at Glenwood and Henry Ruff in Inkster, at which time Yagilea informed Skudlarek he could leave. Skudlarek left without leaving contact information with Yagilea, who did not ask for it. Skudlarek testified that he was very concerned about that, and about the fact that the officer told him that Caleb was driving that way because her car was overheating.

At that time another Inkster officer arrived to assist Yagilea. Officer Jef-

frey Falkenstien, an 8-year veteran with Inkster gave Yagilea a Breathalyzer to apply a field sobriety test to Caleb. His testimony revealed that Caleb registered a .23, a registration above the legal limit in Michigan.

Further testimony revealed that Yagilea was in uniform and was in possession of an Inkster patrol unit. "When I arrived, the woman was sitting in her car seat with her feet and legs out into the street," said Falkenstien. Officer Yagilea was talking to her." Falkenstien noted the woman's glassy eyes, and the fact that he could smell intoxicants on her. "She failed the field sobriety test," said Falkenstien.

Placing her in the back of his patrol vehicle, Yagilea told Falkenstien that he could handle it from there. Making sure the scene was secure, Falkenstien left. Testimony also revealed that later that morning on shift change, Falkenstien saw Yagilea return to the station still in uniform.

Caleb, age 24, testified that she had been drinking. She also testified upon leaving the home of her grandfather in Dearborn, she stopped at the home of her daughter's father to get some money. She drank a little more, and had sexual relations with the man. Proceeding home, she was stopped by Yagilea. "I was worried. I didn't want to go back to jail," said Caleb.

Just a few days earlier, Caleb had been arrested by Romulus police for driving on a suspended license. "I told him I didn't want to go to jail. He told me, don't worry, I'll take care of it, you're not going to jail, you're too pret-

ty to go to jail."

Upon being placed in the patrol car, Caleb told the court that Yagilea radioed into the station to get permission from his supervisor to take her home. "He told them that I was a pedestrian who had car trouble and that he wanted permission to take me home," said Caleb.

Caleb continued in testimony referring to comments made by Yagilea as he drove her home. "He said he's always wanted to be with sexy chocolate, and he kept saying one good turn deserves another."

After arriving at the apartment of Caleb, Yagilea allegedly escorted the woman to her door. Opening the door, Caleb walked to her kitchen, turned on the light and went directly to her bedroom. "He followed me into my room," said Caleb. "He unzipped his pants." It was at that point Caleb reached into her purse and retrieved a condom.

Questioned by prosecutors on whether she attempted to stop Yagilea, Caleb testified that she knew what he wanted, and believed he had every intention of getting it. She said she wasn't afraid, but resigned, and allowed the officer to have sex with her.

Calling her aunt as soon as he left, Caleb informed her what took place. Her aunt's husband then called Romulus PD and several newspapers, and television media sources to report the incident. "It wasn't me, I don't like the media," said Caleb. "I was pretty much scared, and felt I had been taken advantage of, so my aunt and uncle



Officer Steven Yagilea

were taking care of me."

Prosecutor Maria Petito asked Oakley to bind over on facts on charges of conduct unbecoming an officer, however, defense attorney Steven Bullock contended that the statute Yagilea was being charged under did not fit the offense, and that in fact, MCL 750.505 was only recently adopted to cover bribe situations with police officers.

Bullock offered two other statutes that could have been used to charge the officer with which he believes cover misconduct in office, both of which are misdemeanors. "He was given permission to leave the city. What he did, was that neglect of duty, morally yes, but we've heard nothing that shows he neglected his duty," said Bullock.

Oakley while finding Bullock's argument admirable found that the statute did support the charges, and bound Yagilea over. Bond will continue until trial.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Blake Chosen for Youth Leadership Forum

Natalie Blake of Romulus participated in the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine last month in Los Angeles. The forum is a career development program for high school students who demonstrate academic excellence, have leadership potential, and who have an interest in medicine.

Blake participated in a variety of programs introducing medical concepts in public health, medical ethics, research and general practice, including visits to local hospitals and health clinics.

Students were given the opportunity also to visit cutting edge medical schools and clinical facilities. Physicians, surgeons, researchers, scientists and medical educators were available to Blake and other participants throughout the 10-day forum.

National Youth Leadership Forum is a nonprofit educational organization that brings various professions to life, providing high school students with confidence to make well-informed career choices.

Romulus man wins \$10,000 in lottery scratch off

Larry Douglas of Romulus recently spelled his way to instant wealth with the Michigan Lottery's "Bingo Mania" instant game. Upon scratching off the ticket, he revealed a \$10,000 prize.

The winning ticket was purchased at the Marathon service station on Eureka Road in Taylor.

"I was shocked when I scratched off the ticket and saw I had won \$10,000," Douglas said.

The 49-year-old winner, who enjoys skiing and watching NASCAR racing in his free time, said he kept the ticket in his pocket at all times to ensure his safety before turning it in at the Lottery's regional office in Dearborn Heights.

Douglas, a millwright for Ford Motor Company in Wixom, said he has no special plans for his winnings at this time, but there is no doubt he will enjoy his recent good fortune.

Library partners with Ringling Brothers in reading program

The Romulus Public Library is partnering with Ringling Brothers and Bamum & Bailey Circus to encourage children to hit the books through the "Three Ring Reading Club."

The Three Ring Reading Club is being offered to boys and girls through age 12. To participate each child must read a minimum of one book per week. After completing a book and checking out the next, readers will be rewarded with a small prize from the library and Ringling Brothers and Bamum & Bailey.

Children who read their first book are welcomed under the big top and receive a Ringling Brothers three-ring reading club bookmark. When they've read their second book they enter ring one and get their own plastic clown nose. After their third book, they move to ring two and take home a Ringling clown sticker sheet. Finally, the child makes it to the center ring when they achieve their reading objective of four books and will be rewarded with a free ticket voucher good for either the Wednesday, October 2nd at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, October 3rd at 7:30 p.m., or Friday, October 4th, at 11:00 a.m. performances of the Greatest Show on Earth when it comes to the Palace of Auburn Hills.

To join, visit the library, check out a book and pick up your circus punch card. After each level is reached, your card will be punched. After reaching the center ring readers will receive their free ticket voucher and their families will be entered in a drawing to have the chance to win four additional tickets.

One grand prize winner will be selected from all entries, (all participating libraries in southeast Michigan) and will receive 8 VIP tickets, a Ringling prize pack and a guided tour of the Animal Open House on Friday, October 4th.

NEWS FROM THE CITY OF INKSTER

2 principals,
4 teachers
resign in
Inkster

While the Inkster School District awaits word from Lansing on whether a finance manager will be assigned to handle the school district's financial affairs, the board of education is busy finding replacements for seven educators who resigned last month.

Two of the seven educators were principals.

According to school officials, Ralph Bland, who served as Blanchette Middle School's principal, and Judy D'Arcangelis, the principal at Baylor/Woodson, submitted resignations which were accepted by the board.

The board also received resignations from Lanette Devitt, the director of Special Education; Aral Gribble, a teacher at Baylor/Woodson; Crystal Firdson, a teacher at Inkster High School, and Elaine Daily, also a teacher at the high school.

The school board is awaiting news from Lansing on whether Gov. John Engler will appoint a finance manager for the district. The school district has reached a crossroads with Edison Schools, a private management corporation based in New York which, in 2000, was awarded a five-year contract to run the district with a stipulation that it pay off the school district's \$1.2 million debt.

During the past two-years, the two sides have levied allegations about contract violations. The bickering led to State Superintendent Tom Watkins putting together a team to investigat. After a month-long study by a panel, the state superintendent met with the board and the citizens to announce findings and later warned the board that he would invoke PA 7, which would allow the governor to decide the fate of the district if the two parties did not resolve their differences.

The future of the district is presently in the hands of the governor.



Soror of the Year

Rhoda Matthews (at left), vice president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Inkster Alumnae Chapter, presents the "Soror of the Year" Award to Theola Jones, long-time resident and Special Writer at the Inkster ledger Star. The recognition was given for Jones' exemplary service to the Inkster Alumnae Chapter and her outstanding sisterly qualities. Delta Sigma Theta is a service organization with a world-wide membership of over 200,000 and over 900 chapters. Genarda Wright is the President of the Inkster Chapter. Photo by Sue Thomas

Community Relations
meeting on Aug. 15

If you want to offer input on how police may better serve the City of Inkster, you may want to attend a public forum scheduled for Aug. 15.

Between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. the Inkster Police Department, in collaboration with Inkster Weed & Seed, is conducting a Law Enforcement Community Relations Meeting at the Booker T. Dozier Recreation Complex.

The complex is located at 2025 Middlebelt Road, about a third of a mile north of Michigan Avenue.

The meetings are usually highlighted by an exchange of dialogue between local police officials and residents on how better to serve the communities.

"We're asking residents to attend and voice their opinions to the police department," stressed Jeannie Fields, Weed & Seed executive director.

For further information about the meeting or any Weed & Seed program resident may contact the agency's office by dialing 734-722-5146.

Local church to offer
children, women clothing

If you or your children are in need of clothing, a local church is extending a hand to help.

The Middlebelt Baptist Church will be distributing clothes for children, women and men free to those in need.

The clothes Giveaway is scheduled from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 10, at the church's facility located at 943

Middlebelt Road.

"We hope that all of those who are in need of clothing take advantage of this offering," said Myrtle Cook, a member of the congregation and church publicist. "As we all know the economy has not been good and many are without the resources to buy clothing. With schools soon to open and with fall upon us,

we're hoping that those in need take advantage of this free offering."

The Rev. Roscoe C. Belton is pastor of the Middlebelt Baptist Church, while Harold J. Smith serves as Chairman of the Deacons.

For further information, contact the church offices at 734-728-3838.

Resident awarded degree
in hotel management

By THELOA JONES
MCN Special Writer

Davonshylne A. Ceaux-Johnson has completed all of her requirements for a Professional Hotel and Restaurant Management Program and was awarded a diploma last month during ceremonies conducted in

Georgia.

A graduate of Robichaud High School in Dearborn Heights, Davonshylne is the daughter of Denise Ceaux, and the granddaughter of Patrician Beaux. She is also a member of the Smith Chapel A.M.E. Church, where the Rev. Thomas

M. Higginbotham is the pastor.

Richard A. Kruger and Lee McCutchan officiated at the awards' ceremony conducted in Atlanta, Georgia, on July 9, 2002, for the graduates of the School of Hotel and Restaurant Management, Professional Career Development Institute.

Headline was
in error

A headline last week that appeared in The Inkster Ledger Star that stated a Circuit Court jury ruled in favor of an Inkster police officer, Inkster Police Chief Terry Colwell and the City of Inkster in a lawsuit filed by an Inkster resident who alleged violation of her constitutional rights should have read that the suit was for \$55 million.

The plaintiff sued the defendants after she was stopped by an Inkster police officer who spotted a passenger tossing a trash bag out of the moving vehicle.

The woman sued for \$55 million, but the jury found in favor of the defendants.

The MCN Staff regrets the error and any inconvenience it may have caused.

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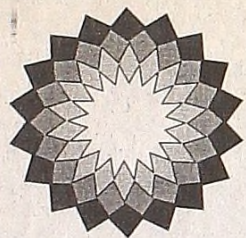
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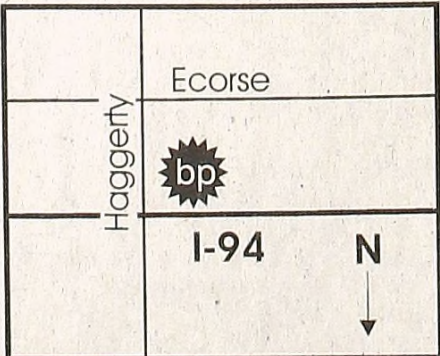
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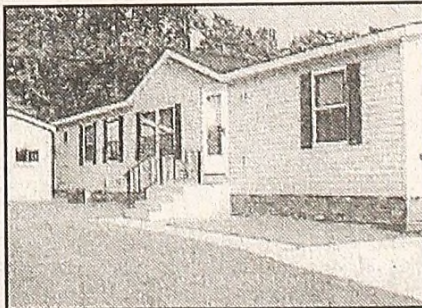
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NEWS FROM THE CITY OF WAYNE

Window on Wayne

Trains way back when

By RICHARD L. STORY
Wayne Historian

The railroad usually made or broke a community back in the 19th and 20th centuries.

And, it was no different here in Wayne. With the railroad came prosperity and people. And with the influx of people, changes came.

The area of Nankin Township, known as Derby's Corners or South Nankin, received its first railroad in 1938 - just a year after Michigan officially became a state and about 30 years before the Village of Wayne was incorporated.

On June 29, 1832, the Detroit and St. Joseph Railroad was chartered. By November of 1836 the east-west rail from Detroit to Ypsilanti had been in operation and on March 20, 1837, the Detroit and St. Joseph Railroad was purchased by the U. S. Government, and the name was changed to the Michigan Central Railroad.

The rail that stopped at Derby's Corners was given the name "Wayne Station" by the Michigan Central Railroad. The railroad right of way ran through the Wayne Plat. Michigan Central Railroad also purchased from Mr. Brown and Captain Howard land to build a freight house and train station.

Would you also believe that the train from Detroit to Ypsilanti took about one hour and 40 minutes to travel - a distance that cost the passenger \$1.50. The first train trip was made on February 3, 1883. The return trip to Detroit provided ammunition for those skeptics that the iron horse would never replace the horse because the train broke down in Dearborn and horses were brought in to take the engine to Detroit for repairs.

But, the railroad was an asset to any community, as the train brought freight and gave the town a connection to the outside world.



Richard L. Story

And with the passengers, new businesses began to rise on the landscape. The "iron horse" was definitely a sign of progress.

In April of 1871, two years after the Village of Wayne was incorporated, the Holly, Wayne and Monroe lines were completed. The line ran north and south and reached Plymouth. By November of 1871 the railroad also served Northville and became part of the Flint and Pere Marquette Railroad, with tracks running in a north - south direction. The Flint-Pere Marquette Railroad would change its name at a later date to B & O Railroad - Baltimore and Ohio, and later it became known and the CSX Railroad.

As planes and jets gave trains a run for their money, consolidation became a necessity for the railroad's survival. The Michigan Central Railroad changed its name to the New York Central Railroad and in the 1970's to the Penn Central Railroad, and then to Conrail.

If one wished to make a trip to Plymouth or Northville from Detroit, a connection was made in Wayne for the trip north. Of course, this brought new business to Wayne.

The railroad also needed the services of local blacksmiths for track repairs and called upon local farmers to provide wood for the engines.

To accommodate the travelers, Wayne constructed a string of hotels strategically located on Michigan Avenue.

Home invasions

Police arrest 3 suspects for breaking, entering homes

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Wayne police have arrested three suspects, including a 21-year-old local man, who they believe were involved in separate home invasions in the City of Wayne.

James Anthony Toms, 21, of Garden City, was arraigned in 29th District Court on charges of breaking and entering a dwelling and possession of cocaine. He stood mute during his arraignment, and the court entered a plea of not guilty.

Toms was scheduled to appear on Wednesday before Judge Carolyn Archbold to answer to the charges. He was incarcerated in lieu of a

\$20,000 cash bond until his preliminary court hearing. The defendant is accused in the break-in of a house in the 3400 block of Niagara Street.

When police arrested the suspect, they said, they also found cocaine on him.

In a separate incident, police took into custody a 17-year-old Romulus youth and his alleged 16-year-old accomplice who are accused of breaking into a house located in the 3180 block of Stellwagen.

Joseph Nelson Watt, of Romulus, is accused of stealing jewelry, currency, computer parts and tools from the Stellwagen residence. He also was arraigned in 29th District

Court on charges of home invasion, second offense and was released on a \$5,000 bond, 10 percent.

The juvenile was turned over to juvenile authorities for prosecution.

Watts had a 9 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 7, court hearing before Judge Archbold.

Police also arrested 21-year-old Thomas Charles Brymer who is accused of stealing his next door neighbor's wallet which contained \$215 in cash. The incident occurred at the Aspen Apartments, 33100 block of Michigan Avenue.

Wayne police caution residents to be extraordinarily caution during warm weather to lock windows and doors when they leave their

homes and to be aware of strangers in their neighborhood.

"Because of the warm weather, we sometimes forget to lock our doors and may leave windows open, which is an invitation to thieves to break in," said Lt. Tom Miller, of the Wayne Police Department. "It makes sense to secure your home before you leave."

"And, of course, if you're leaving for a vacation, make sure that your newspapers and mail are taken in by a neighbor or have them canceled until you return. There is no surer sign that there is no one home than when you allow newspapers and circulars to gather at the front door or the mailbox."

City to host senior health screening

If you haven't had time lately to see your doctor for a check-up, you may want to see a qualified medical technician who will be conducting tests at the Wayne Senior Activity Center.

The City of Wayne Senior Ac-

tivity Center officials this week announced that they are hosting a Life Line Health Screening for seniors.

The screening will be conducted on Aug. 9.

The "for a fee" health screen-

ing will include Carotid/Artery/Stroke, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Peripheral Arterial Disease and Osteoporosis.

Officials also state that there are discounts being offered to those seniors who undergo multi-

ple screenings.

For more information about the tests and the fees, please contact the Wayne Senior Activity Center or telephone 1-800-407-4577.

'Friends 2002' is seeking volunteers

'Friends 2002' is still in need of volunteers.

A program, designed to "give a little help to a neighbor," Friends 2002 offers minor home repairs to a qualifying Wayne resident. This year, the program will be conducted

on Saturday, Sept. 14, and, in case of rain or inclement weather, it will be staged on Sept. 21.

On the designated date, volunteers will donate approximately six hours of their time to work on a pre-selected

Wayne home. The various work the volunteers are expected to do includes painting and planting plants.

The "Friends" will provide the material, equipment, paint hats, t-shirts, bottled water and pop. They also will pro-

vide a continental breakfast which will be served at 8 a.m. at the Wayne Senior Activity Center.

If you wish to volunteer, contact City Hall, the Department of Community Development, 3355 South Wayne Road.

Benefit to aid Lou Gehrig's disease victim

Friends and relatives of a Wayne resident who is suffering from the Lou Gehrig's Disease are holding a benefit from 6 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 10, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road.

Tickets for the program are \$15 per person which will include a spaghetti dinner and all of the trimmings.

Moneys raised from the benefit will help defray the medical cost for Nathan S. Kennedy, who has been in-

fllicted by the dreaded disease.

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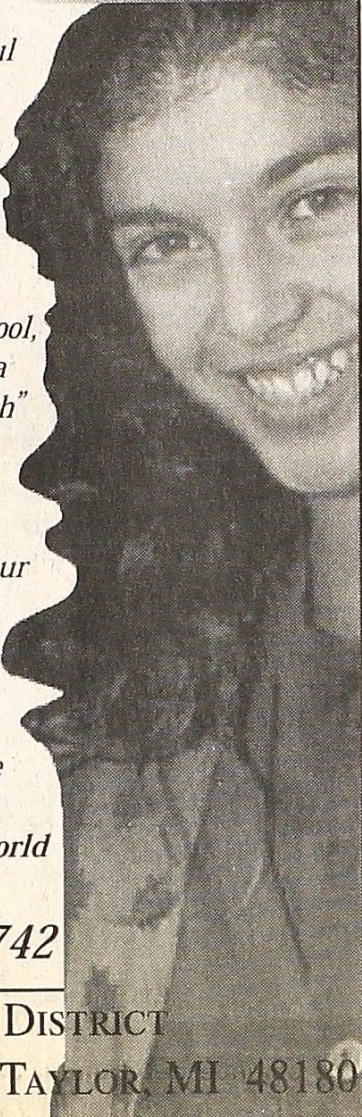
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OBITUARIES

CLARK, DOROTHY M., 89, of Gaylord (formerly of Wayne), passed away Sunday, August 4 in Gaylord. She was born September 27, 1912 in Norwich, NY. On October 19, 1933 in Wayne she married Elmer Clark (who preceded her in death on May 27, 1997). Mrs. Clark moved to the Gaylord area in 1969. She enjoyed crocheting, cooking, music, and especially liked being a grandma. She was a member of the First Congregational Church in Gaylord. She is survived by her sons Kenneth (Christy) of ND, Donald Lee (Nancy) of Lakeland, FL, Neil Richard (Wilma) of San Diego, CA, and Robert (Charlene) of Gaylord. Nineteen grandchildren, forty great-grandchildren, and fifteen great great-grandchildren also survive her. Funeral services were held at the First Congregational Church in Gaylord. Rev. Chris Richards officiated. Committal services will be held on Thursday, August 8 at 11am in the Chapel at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Memorial contributions can be made to Otsego Haus through the Nelson Funeral Home, 135 N. Center, Gaylord, MI 49735.

KOSTORA, RUTH EVELYN, 64, of Westland, passed away Wednesday July 31. She was born December 30, 1937 to William W. and Cora R.C. (Middleton) Allyn in Lowell, MA. Ruth was a waitress at the Pizza Hut in Wayne. She was a member of St. John Episcopal Church of Westland. Dearest mother of Thomas (Melanie) Kostora of Westland. Also survived by her brother William (Joyce) Allyn of Connecticut. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Arrangements were made by MacDonald's Funeral Home, 315 N. Michigan Ave., Howell, MI (517-546-2800).

MILLER, EDNA MAY, 56, of Belleville, passed away July 28 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She was proud to be an Avon sales representative. She loved to read novels by Danielle Steel. She also enjoyed watching her favorite soap opera "General Hospital". She enjoyed gambling and was a Detroit red wing Hockey fan and a University of Michigan fan. She was also a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville. Beloved wife of Fred Miller. Dearest mother of Raquel Miller of Belleville. Dear daughter of the late Edward Matthew Przybylo and Bernice Porter of Hamburg. Dear sister of Theresa (Sam) Czapotta of St. Clair Shores, Debbie (Brian) Hanchett of Brighton, Edward (Bonnie) Przybylo of TN, and Al (Judy) Przybylo of Milford. Preceded in death by her father Edward. Funeral services were held at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville with Father Thomas Cusick officiating. Interment followed at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville. Memorial contributions can be made in her honor to the Michigan Heart Association. David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville made arrangements.

SCHIMMELFENING, GEORGE CLEMENT, 51, of Ypsilanti, died July 29, 2002 at the University Hospitals in Ann Arbor. He was born September 20, 1950 in Detroit. The son of the late Clement Schimelfening and Helen (Okon) Schimelfening of Detroit. He was employed by General Motors for 27-1/2 years and was a machinist. He was a member of VFW Romanowski Post in Detroit, American Legion, Moose Lodge #782 in Ypsilanti, Pool League in Canton and UAW-GM. He enjoyed boating and shooting pool. He served his country in the US Air Force as a staff sergeant. He also loved to serenade his wife. He is survived by his loving wife Deborah Kay (Bazzell) Schimelfening; his sons Nicholas and Geoffrey Schimelfening both of Ann Arbor; his step-daughters Cassandra Lyn Waterman of Elizabeth, IN, Melissa Nicole Speights of Horn Lake, MS and Jessica Rose Speights of Ypsilanti; his siblings Maria Schimelfening of Detroit, Joseph (Karen) Schimelfening of Reno, NV, Antoinette (Leonard) Szveda of Belleville, James (Teresa) Schimelfening of South Dakota, and Rose Marie (Paul Gaillard) Schimelfening also of South Dakota; three great nieces; many nieces and nephews; and one grandchild on the way. Services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville with Mr. Richard Kowalski and Mr. Wayne Neal officiating. Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorial contributions can be made in his honor to the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor.

SHARP, WILLIAM T. "THE SILVER FOX", 62, passed away July 7 in Port Orange, FL. Bill was born August 25, 1939 in Howell. He was retired from the Ypsilanti Ford Plant. Bill also was a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School (1957). His friends nicknamed Bill "The Silver Fox" many years ago. Now the fox and his crew are riding their Harleys in heaven now. His dear brothers, John, Stan, and James and also his loving daughters Rene, Barbie, and Marla survive him. A memorial service has been planned on Sunday August 11 at 2pm. It will be held at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 34567 Michigan Ave., Wayne (734-721-5600).

TOOZE, MARY ELIZABETH, 79, of Wayne, passed away June 12, dear wife of the late Robert Theodore Tooze. Loving mother of Mark (Shirley) Tooze, Shila (Rick) Hall, Suzanne (Robert) Edick, and Molly (Mark) Burgett. Dear sister of Edith Seward, William Biggerstaff, and the late Robert Biggerstaff, sister-in-law of Joan Yoakam and Raymond Yoakam. Beloved grandmother of Sara, Jeff, and Scott Hall; Michael, Chris, and Paul Edick; Lauren, Alexandra, and Madeline Burgett; Chris Szabo; Robert and Amy Tooze. Funeral services were held at First Congregational Church in Wayne with Rev. Rob Joy officiating. Cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home in Westland. Memorial contributions can be made in her honor to First Congregational Church of Wayne, 2 Towne Square, Wayne, MI, 48184 or the Hospice of Washtenaw, 806 Airport Blvd., Ann Arbor, MI, 48108.

WILLCOCKSON, JOSEPH H., 74, of Romulus (formerly of Jonesboro, AK), passed away July 29. Mr. Willcockson served his country in the United States Airforce (Master Sergeant) and was a veteran of the Korean and Vietnam wars. He was also an active member of the Romulus VFW. Loving husband of Marilyn Willcockson. Beloved father of Joel (Susan), Jeff (Angie), Jerry (Amy), JoAnne (Gary), and Julie (Bob). Dearest brother of Lafon (Ja) Alexander. Also survived by thirteen grandchildren. A family service will be held in Jonesboro, AK on Labor Day weekend.

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Romulus Middle School Cheerleaders ready to "roar."

Cheer squad completes camp

The Romulus Middle School Cheerleaders have been busy working hard to get ready for the upcoming football season. The 13-member squad has been practicing at the Sr. High Atrium from noon to 3 p.m. daily four days a week and recently completed a Universal Cheerleading Association camp also held at the Atrium.

UCA Cheerleading coach Safia Saleh, aU. of Michigan Cheerleader from West Bloomfield, commented on the outstanding cooperation of the Romulus Cheerleaders and said that, "this was one of the best camps I've done over the past several summers."

Both the Middle School Coach, Romulus Alumn Renee Ervin, and the head of the Romulus School District Cheerleading Program, Bonnie Carter were on hand to help out the students during the 3 day all-day UCA camp. Coach Ervin noted that, "we really have a nice group of girls this year and I am confident that they will represent our school in a positive manner throughout the football and basketball seasons."

Wedding Announcement

Richelle & Kirk Fales

Richelle Maroudis and Kirk Fales announce their wedding that had taken place on December 15, 2001 at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville and had their reception at the Holiday Inn West-Livonia. They honeymooned in Mackinac Island and now reside in Canton, MI.

This is a rekindled romance from the past. After dating off and on for 6 years, the couple parted for 12 years going in separate directions. Finally, in March of 2001 the relationship was rekindled with a phone call.

Richelle, from Farmington, has obtained a bachelor of science degree in apparel design at Wayne State University. She is self employed at "Sew4U Alterations" in Canton, MI. Her parents are Albert & Victoria Newton of Romulus, MI. Richelle's bridesmaids were Kerl Wayne, Tammy Newton, Sandra Taig, Christine Thomas and her Matron-of-Honor was Ronie Jo Helton of Flint.

Kirk is from Westland, Michigan and has a BBA from Eastern Michigan University. He is employed at U of M Hospital in Ann Arbor, as a Respiratory Therapist. Kirk's parents are Harry & Kay Fales of Wayne.

The groomsmen that were Pete Wayne, Mark Williams, David Luckett, John Neff and his Bestman was Kevin Fales of Royal Oak.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to you both!



Van Buren teacher wins physics award

Kelly Paterson, a teacher in the science department at Belleville High School, has won the Sigma Si Sigma award for Excellence in Physics Education.

Sigma Si Sigma's Zone 7 Chapter at Eastern Michigan University, headed by Dr. Diane Jacobs, Physics' Councilor, exists to honor outstanding scholarship in physics, to encourage interest in physics among students, and to provide fellowship among physics students and teaching staff. "We believe that it is very important for instructors to begin to

reach students in their early learning years to promote excellence in science education," said Jacobs.

Annually Sigma Si Sigma will award local teachers for excellence in teaching physics curriculum. The organization believes that reaching students in middle school and high school is imperative in encouraging students to go on and major in sciences in college.

Kelly Paterson has been at Belleville High School for five and a half years. She was honored at last month's Board of Education meeting

in a special presentation by Jacobs who presented her with a plaque and check for \$250.00 to be used by Paterson in her classroom.

"I love teenagers," said Paterson in accepting her award. "I always tell my kids physics is phun, ph for physics, and un for fun."



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Wedding Announcement

Megan & Frank Nagy

Megan Lynn Gilliland and Daniel Frank Nagy announce their wedding that had taken place on June 29, 2002 at St. Aloysius and a reception that followed the ceremony at the Wayne Community Center in Wayne, Michigan.

Megan is from Romulus and graduated from Albion College, she plans on attending MSU Medical school this fall. Megan's parents are Ted & Carol Gilliland also from Romulus. Her bridesmaids were Lesley Harkai, Tammy Nagy, Michelle Kallimai, Natalie Proost and her Maid-of-honor was Melissa Lindquist of Romulus.

Daniel is from New Boston and a graduate from Huron High and has obtained his journeyman title in carpentry parents are Frank & Carol Nagy are also from New Boston. His groomsmen were

Todd Gilliland, Anthony Spraga, Jonathan Segerstrom, Michael Thomas and his Bestman was Kevin Bock of Taylor. The flower girl was Kaitlyn Harkai and the usher was Justin Nagy.

The couple honeymooned in Cancun, Mexico. The couple are residing now in Lansing.



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SMART threats are an insult to voters

The proliferation of attack ads this election season is growing old. The concept that "negative advertising" will boost an also-ran into contention has been around for a long while, but this year the "attack" ad is everywhere.

One of the most inappropriate "negative" ads I have seen in recent years, is the last minute blitz by SMART, claiming if we don't vote "yes" for their ballot proposal, bus service will stop. This they claim will cause many hardworking people who rely on the service to lose their jobs.

I am insulted by this ad campaign. For one, it was SMART representatives that made the critical decision to ask for nearly double the amount of voter approved funding that they currently have. In this economic environment, asking for more money is gutsy. But asking for voters to reach in their wallets and pay twice as much is foolhardy.

But even more crazy and disrespectful to the intellect of voters, was SMART's decision to tie the increase to the renewal millage. In other words, voters have no choice to just renew what SMART already has. They must vote for the increase if they are to vote "yes." This is a tactic that many public school systems use to use, when they wanted an increase in their budget. Voters caught on to the ruse pretty quickly, and now, for the most part, the renewal and increase proposals are separate.

Thus SMART has only themselves to blame if voters give them no money. You can't be too greedy and expect voters to go along with it. Somehow, I believe, despite SMART's claims there will be bus service. Yes, SMART will have to pare down their operations, but essential services will operate and few will lose their jobs because of it.

I'm amused at the advertising Messrs. Blanchard and Bonior, and Ms. Granholm are throwing in front of our eyes. Blanchard and Bonior and their respective committees placed millions of dollars in negative advertising to cut into

Jennifer Granholm's margin.

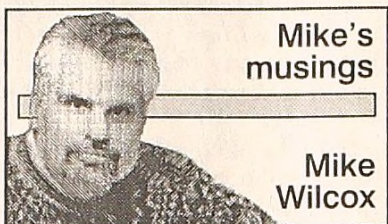
Since this was written before election results were known, I can't say whether the advertising worked or not, but if weekend polls were any indication, the advertising failed miserably.

I must comment on the John Dingell-Lynn Rivers contest. It is a shame that two candidates, although very different, were forced to run against each other. Somehow I wish Rivers could have been pitted against McCotter in a district that included Plymouth and Livonia. The fact that either Dingell or River will not be representing us in Washington is disturbing.

We know Rivers well, because she has represented Western Wayne for eight years. Even though some of her political stances were far more liberal than the average voter, most of us respected her because she spent more time than any other politician — state, federal, or even county, attending local events and talking with local people. She is the epitome of grassroots, and no one can fault her commitment to her job.

Dingell on the other hand, fits in well with the conservative, blue collar crowd of Western Wayne, even though he is from downriver Trenton. However, what escalates him above anyone, is his year's of experience and power he holds in Washington. There is probably no one more powerful than Dingell in the House of Representatives, and to lose him would be catastrophic.

I've gained even more respect for these two, however, after watching their campaigns closely. Each had the opportunity to lob negative campaign ads at the other, and each refused to do it. One has lost because the didn't pull the negative "trigger" but at least in my eyes, they have gained a whole lot of respect for keeping the campaign above board.



Mike's musings
Mike Wilcox



Record pandering mars Aug. 6 election

Pandering to the public school lobby set an all-time high in the run-up to Tuesday's primary.

"Public money should go to public schools," said senate candidate Eileen DeHart, a Westland Democrat. "I am a firm believer that we have great teachers, great school districts, and even greater students."

"I am for public schools and will not vote for more vouchers or charter schools for the rest of this session, no way," said Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth. "This is why [Wayne-Westland Superintendent] Baracy, who cannot and should not endorse, strongly recommended me. The Michigan Education Association is behind me 100 percent, with two mailings going out. And Wayne-Westland teachers have endorsed me."

The pandering was so shameless that four gubernatorial candidates — James Blanchard, House Rep. David Bonior, Attorney General Jennifer Granholm, and state Sen. Joe Schwartz — supported Wayne County's special education millage, a cause as unrelated to state business as it was necessary to woo the

public school teacher, janitor, and crossing guard.

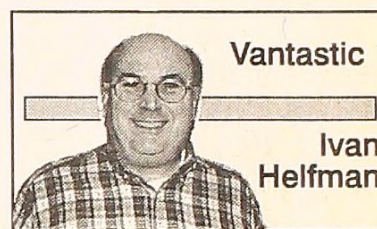
While the pandering probably served the candidates well with the school workers who dominate Michigan's Democratic primaries (this was written before the results were in), the pandering had a nasty run-in with reality last weekend when USA Today hit the stands.

"Excellent" schools are failing," a USA Today article by Karen Thomas and Anthony DeBarros, put Michigan atop the list of the U.S. Department of Education's list of states with the most failing public schools.

According to the department, the ten states with the most failing schools are Michigan, 1,513; California, 1,009; Ohio, 760; Georgia, 625; New York, 529; Illinois, 435; Arizona, 334; New Jersey, 274; Massachusetts, 259; and Pennsylvania, 256.

The Department started counting failing schools since January, when President George Bush's education bill required states to list schools that don't make acceptable progress in academics for two years in a row.

Of the nation's 8,652, 17.5 percent



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are in Michigan, so the state dominates the nation's failing-public-school industry as surely as it once ruled the nation's automotive industry.

With so many failing public schools, it's no wonder that parents of children trapped in Michigan's many failing public schools are clamoring for more charter schools, that Michigan leads the nation in charter schools, and that home-schooling is on the rise across the state.

Of course, discussing the state's failing public schools is taboo. If the public schools' failure became known and understood, the public school constituency would become political baggage, and pandering politicians might have to sell out our kids to another special interest group.

Engler's veto of state shared revenue was 'politics at its worst'

To the editor:

Last Thursday Gov. Engler vetoed \$845 million appropriated for local revenue sharing by the legislature in the budget for the 2002-2003 year.

Following very difficult negotiations to balance next year's budget without cutting revenue sharing, I was both shocked and angered by these actions.

In order to gain support for the cigarette tax increase, Gov. Engler assured the Republican and Democratic leadership in both the House and Senate that he would not touch revenue sharing for the remainder of his term.

His actions on Thursday have proven that he cannot be trusted. He continually holds local governments in low regard.

The Governor claims his veto was necessary due to the potential impact the three proposals will have on Michigan, if approved by the vot-

ers in November.

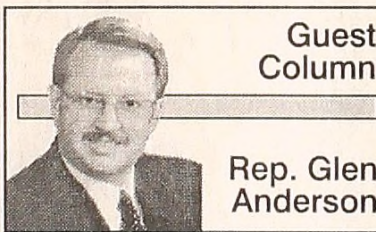
This is completely absurd. The most controversial of the three proposals shifts the tobacco settlement money from the current college scholarship program into a health-care-assistance program.

The second proposal provides for a constitutionally-based collective bargaining law that would include binding arbitration for state employees in instances where labor and management cannot agree.

The third, and final proposal, reduces penalties for first-time drug offenders and requires drug treatment for anyone caught with drugs for personal use.

None of these proposals affect revenue sharing. In reality, by shifting resources from prisons to treatment programs, the third proposal would actually save the state money.

The governor's veto is politics at its worst. Whatever the merits of the ballot proposals, local governments



Guest Column
Rep. Glen Anderson

cannot control the state's voters.

Instead of threatening public safety by cutting funds for police officers and firefighters, the governor should make his case against the proposals with the voters.

The legislature returns to session on Aug. 13. I want to assure our community that I will push to override the Governor's veto, but I need your help. Write your newspapers, contact your radio stations, the governor, and the Republican leadership of the legislature, and tell them you will not stand for this blackmail.

Rep. Glenn Anderson
Westland

Eat healthy bright pink fruit

Let's play the name game. It is easy. Everyone can participate, kind of a contest with no prize, a test of the Ben E. broadcasting system.

Lets start with Bob Kosowski, Westland's parks and recreation director, who is building a state-of-the-art, skateboard park. A party and auction will be held Aug. 21 to benefit the park. Call (734) 722-7620 for tickets or more information. Remember to tell him you read about him in the column.

While we're at it, if you see Westland Mayor Sandra Cicirelli, Westland Police Chief Emery Price, or man about town or, in his case, the man on the move, Gary Bulson, tell them they are in the paper too.

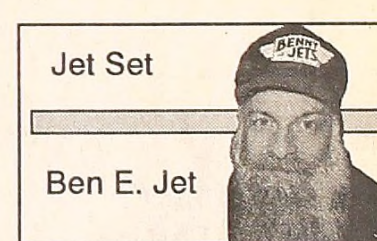
Next on the list is singer Brandon Taylor. Come on gang, hunt him down and tell him he was mentioned in the paper. You can find Brandon and his band Velkro week-ends at the Bullfrog in Redford, and on Tuesdays at Jamie's in Garden City.

While we're at it, let's see how many people tell Jamie Coe, Bridge,

Cactus Jumpers, Rusty Lunchbox, Government Honey, Rob Roy, Over Easy, the Reflections, and Bonnie Rockets that their bands were mentioned too.

Gee celebrities, we have a lot of them around town, but this is only going to work if you tell them you saw their names here. People like Drew and Mike from WRIF and Rusty at the Rock-A-Way Cafe, Bob Harris, Jerry Reid, Little Cindy at the White Castle, Billy Walters, Scott and John Goci at the US-12, George Young, Ron Cameron, Mohammed at the Beehive, Rich Fisher, Cornbread Red, Michelle at Boulders in Plymouth, Angela Todd, TC, Joyce at Bray's, Jim Rarey, Walt Michal, Marty Mornigwig, Lemon James, Inkster Mayor Hilliard Hampton, Jr., and Bob Stockdale, who painted his name on the side of his Michigan Avenue bar about the same size as the Hollywood sign in California.

I have been hanging out with Dr. Roman Franklin, also known as Dr. Doo-wop, Wednesdays from 5 to 7



Jet Set
Ben E. Jet

p.m. on WPON, 1460 AM. Sponsored by the American Cancer Society, it is an interesting mix of health talk, music and trivia. This show raises issues and talks to an audience that might not be reached by most doctors.

With that in mind, I want to remind everyone to eat plenty of deep-red and bright-pink fruit and vegetables, which contain phytochemicals that could help your body fight disease and promote good health.

Contact Ben E. Jet at (313) 730-1627, or WWW.BENNYANDTHE-JETS.COM. For free Benny and the Jets' downloads, surf to WWW.MP3.COM/BENNYANDTHE-JETS.

SOUND OFF EXTRA — (734) 729-4000 X 206

Graunstadt right: Westland's garbage tax was not a renewal

The flyer from the citizens promoting the Westland sanitation millage was very nice, but what I don't understand is how they can call it a renewal when it is a new tax in every sense of the word.

Only if one tax is getting ready to conclude can the word renewal apply. You are not fooling anybody with your words.

But I will say one thing, thank you to Councilwoman Graunstadt for catching you guys (and Mayor Cicirelli) when you were going to try and get the taxpayers to pay for your propaganda. How many lawyers do we have working for this city? How experienced is our financial department? Shame on all of

you and shame on the other council members who didn't catch that one.

But then again, the rest of you are on the push-the-tax team so why would you object. Keep it up Cheryl, we're watching.

Wayne is always being contrasted to Northville and Plymouth cities

I was surprised to read that "Wayne is always being compared to Northville and Plymouth" ["Thanks to Zech, Wayne is always being compared to Northville and Plymouth," Aug. 1 Sound Off].

That's a stretch.

Wayne, with its lower property values, higher crime rate, and more expensive government is contrasted to Northville and Plymouth.

Van Buren is short-changed on police and fire service, caller says

I wonder how many residents of Van Buren Township know what's going on in the public safety department. Overtime is now forbidden and staffing is painfully thin.

For a community of over 25,000 residents and growing at an unbelievable rate, why are we to rely on our emergencies being handled by only one dispatcher and sometimes only two or three police officers on many shifts?

So, you mean to tell me that if I have an emergency and my child is choking to death, and that one dispatcher is already on the phone with another emergency, my child dies and that's OK?

Why is it that, on many nights, there are only three single officer pa-

trol units on duty? Thirty-six square miles of real estate is handled by three officers?

So, let's get this straight. If two police officers are taking care of some type of emergency run, and the third is busy arresting someone, my emergency can't be handled? So, we have as many officers on duty sometimes as Maybury, RFD?

Do you not wonder why an officer sometimes takes an hour to show up when you need them? That's just the tip of the iceberg. Wake up and take notice.

It's time to let the Van Buren Township board know that we are not stupid and we had better start getting what we pay for, which are only the services we deserve. Make it a point to know how safe you are in your community, and remember what you learn come election time!

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Victim's family asks drunk driver to feel their grief

To the editor:

This letter is a response to Michael Furgerson's recent letter defending Emily Coombs.

On Dec. 5, 2001, while drunk, Emily Coombs killed motorcyclist Kevin Perry in an accident. Lori Booth, Kevin's sister, read this letter to the court on June 19 before Coombs was sentenced to nine months in jail.

How does someone begin to know what or how to express their grief as well as their families' grief to the person who, in a split second, made a choice that took away someone that was so vital to us that it's still impossible for us to believe Kevin won't come bursting into a room at any given moment and throw his arms around us and hug us tight in one of his famous back-cracking hugs?

My mom, sister Julie, and brother Dan have asked me to speak for them as well as myself. As the oldest, I guess it's my place as well.

I'd like to make it clear to you, Emily, that I feel, as we all have, that throughout this we have not just represented Kevin but his four children as well, especially, Kevin Jr. and Vinnie, because unlike Tony and Ashley, they are too young to be in this courtroom.

The day after they were told of their father's death I was alone with Little Kevin, and he asked about the person who had killed his father. He wanted to know if that person would be punished and if they would go to jail for a long time. How do you answer a question like that?

When they were told their father

was killed they both reacted differently: Kevin cried quietly and 5-year-old Vinnie smiled. He didn't really comprehend, but after some explaining, we knew he finally understood when he asked if his dad was an angel now.

Later, on the way to my house, he patted the spot next to him and stated with a smile, "Daddy's sitting right here, he's an angel now and he has wings."

He repeated this throughout the night, including patting the spot between him and his brother when I tucked them in that night and added, "Daddy's a little boy now."

They both appeared to be comforted by Vinnie's statement.

At one point we realized that Kevin Jr. was worried because he had hidden one of his dad's shirts when he overheard us discussing what clothes to take to the funeral home for Kevin to be laid out in. We had picked a suit but that wasn't really Kevin's style, and Kevin Jr. wanted his dad to wear the shirt he had hidden under a bed.

He was unsure how to ask us, I guess. So he hid it and waited and mentioned it to me on the way to the funeral home the next day, but I didn't understated what he was talking about. I thought he hid the shirt so he could keep it.

As it turned out, Julie's husband Steve had decided to take that shirt on an impulse and what a relief we all felt when we realized that the hidden shirt Kevin Jr. was so worried about ended up being the same one Steve took on impulse and that what Kevin Jr. was trying so hard to express was that he wanted his dad to

wear that shirt.

It was the saddest thing to see my 7-year-old nephew so pleased that his dad wore the shirt he had picked. We cried when we realized what Kevin Jr. had been saying and how devastated he would have been had his dad not been wearing that shirt. At the funeral home Vinnie asked if he could see his father's wings.

Emily, I'm not saying these things to torture you, but because we need to know that you understand some of what we have gone through since Dec. 5 and subsequently. We hope that you'll never fail to remember how that one choice to drink and drive affected so many.

I know that some of you here, in particular your family and friends, are under the misconception that because Kevin had alcohol in his system that he should bear some of the blame as well. To these people I would like to say that although you may find this difficult to believe, we are not persecuting Emily. Whether you choose to believe us or not, we waited and based our opinion and feelings on the police report, the statements of witnesses, and the statements of the two police officers that came to my brothers' house that night.

As God is my witness, every one of us that was present that night when the police came to Kevin's house, my dad, mom, sister, brother-in-law and myself, have managed to reserve our opinion of Emily until we had the facts.

What's more, the very next day my brother-in-law and mother happened to be at the court when you

were arraigned, and they sat in the back of the courtroom, curious to see what you looked like.

When Steve (Julie's husband) called, he first told Julie that you were so young, and that they could immediately see that you were sincerely remorseful. So to those that want to blame the victim, I'd like to respond with a quote that consists of one of the officers own words, "Kevin did nothing wrong."

Some of your family and friends may think we've been out for blood, but the truth is we have only been out for justice. When we feared we wouldn't see it, we fought back the only way we thought might have an affect, we used the media. Each and every one of you knows you would have fought just as hard for Emily had Kevin or one of us killed her under similar circumstances.

We feel we have truly been a very compassionate family considering the situation.

Emily, we were told you stayed by Kevin's side, and someone even told us you may have given him comfort in his last moments. We have questions and hope that in time you will find the strength to meet with a few of us so we may ask them.

We also want you to know that if you were able to comfort Kevin in any way at the end, we thank you. The most important thing to us is that Kevin was not alone when he died.

We are aware that you have been affected by watching a young man die before your eyes as a result of the choice you made.

We would like the opportunity to help you get to know the Kevin we

knew and loved. He was such a vital, energetic person, someone who just exploded with enthusiasm for everything he did, and we feel that it would help in your healing if you could replace the more horrific images you have of Kevin with positive ones.

We want you to remember that as hard and challenging as these next months will be for you, bear in mind that at the end of what is essentially a very short time, you will have your life back to continue and hopefully improve upon.

We pray you choose to use your community service well and speak to others about how devastating making the wrong choice can be and how it affects not only the lives of the victims and their families, but the lives of your family as well.

Emily, we'd like you to know that we appreciate that you accepted responsibility for your choice that night. We are well aware that most drunk drivers take the easy way out and blame the victim and we appreciate that although we have heard a few remarks that attempt to place blame on Kevin, we have never heard it from you and that goes a long way with us.

Finally, Emily our prayers are with you and your family and will continue to be. We hope that with the continued encouragement of what we can see is a very supportive and loving family that you will emerge from this a stronger better person than you already were.

May God bless you and keep you.

The Family of Kevin J. Perry

Classical DJ seeks listeners

To the editor:

My name is Dino Valle. I have been hosting the "Verdi Opera Radio Program" since 1972, now renamed "Time Out for the Classics."

I invite all of you to listen to my radio program airing on Michigan Catholic Radio, WCAR 1090 AM. Every Sunday evening from 5 to 6 p.m., enjoy the music of Mozart, Verdi, Bach, Gregorian Chants, and songs of devotion by Pavarotti, Domingo, Carrera, and my latest CD with Peter Soave, "Souvenir D'Italie."

Also operatic and classical songs from around the world. Join me every Sunday from 5 to 6 p.m. on Michigan Catholic Radio, WCAR 1090 AM. For requests, call 734-525-1111.

Dino Valle
Westland

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

City of Wayne
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NOTICE TO PUBLIC PF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS.

ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS

Wayne Housing Commission
4001 S. Wayne Rd
Wayne, MI 48184
(734) 721-8602

On or about August 25, 2002 the City of Wayne on behalf of the Wayne Housing Commission will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to release FY 2002 monies available under the Capital Fund Program (CFP) for the following project.

2002 Capital Fund Program
\$109,624 HUD CFP FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR THIS WORK

It is the intent of the Wayne Housing Commission to utilize these funds in an effort to update and improve our developments, which consist of 40 scattered family units and 36 elderly units. The scope of the work includes: Stain the cedar shake and paint the wood trim on the elderly units. Replace aging computer equipment, purchase a pickup truck with a plow for snow removal and use the remainder for operations.

It has been determined that such request for release of funds for the Wayne Housing Commission will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of human Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA, 42 USC 4321).

The reasons for this decision not to prepare an EIS are because the Project Activities address existing problems and needs without creating adverse impacts on the environment.

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) for the above stated project has been prepared by the Wayne Housing Commission. The ERR documents the environmental review of the project and more fully details the reasons why an EIS is not required. The ERR's are available for public examination and copying between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, at the office of:

Wayne Housing Commission
4001 S. Wayne Rd
Wayne, MI 48184
(734) 721-8602

No further environmental review of the Project Activities are proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of federal funds.

All interested agencies, groups, or persons disagreeing with the decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City of Wayne to the address stated above. Such comments should be received no later than August 16, 2002. All such comments will be considered and the City of Wayne will not request release of federal funds or take any administrative action in the Project Activities prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

The Wayne Housing Commission will undertake this project with federal monies available through the Capital Fund Program. The City of Wayne is certifying to HUD that John Zech, in his official capacity as City Manager of the City of Wayne consents to accept the jurisdiction of Federal Courts if an action brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environment reviews, decision making, and action, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval Wayne Housing Commission may use Capital Fund Program funds and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. HUD will accept an objection of its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases: (A) that the certification was not in fact executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of applicant approved by HUD; or (B) that an applicant ERR for projects indicates an omission of a required decision, finding, or step application to the project in the Environment Review Process. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure in 24CFR Part 58, and may be addressed to HUD at the Patrick V. McNamara Federal Building, 477 West Michigan Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226. HUD will not consider objections to the release of funds on basis other than those stated above. HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Wayne Housing Commission certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later). Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

John Zech, City Manager
City of Wayne

Publish: August 8, 2002

Engler welshed on revenue sharing

To the editor:

I believe we must override the governor's recent veto of revenue sharing.

The following are my reasons for reaching this decision:

The Michigan Legislature worked with the governor over the course of many weeks to resolve the budget difficulties facing this state. After several failed attempts, a proposal was jointly developed, agreed to, and adopted.

The proposal included numerous items, required difficult decisions and frankly, some tough votes. Raising, the cigarette tax, delaying the single business tax rollback, and budget cuts in numerous areas were some of the votes that I, and others, cast as part of our agreement with the governor

Part of this agreement — in fact, a central item — was a continuation

budget for revenue sharing. As you recall an earlier proposal to reduce revenue sharing by 2.4 percent was discarded for lack of sufficient support.

When we make an agreement, we abide by it. We don't break it because of convenience, other agendas, or difficulties the agreement itself poses. An agreement is an agreement. It is our word. If for no other reason, the veto of revenue sharing must be overridden to reestablish a fundamental principle of doing business in Lansing — we can trust each other.

But there are other reasons for overriding this veto. Local units of government are already in their new fiscal years.

This elimination of \$850 million requires them to make decisions now to address this shortfall. They cannot wait until after the November election in the hopes that these

dollars, or a portion of them, would be restored.

The magnitude of this veto requires deep cuts in critical services like police and fire protection for our constituents. This is unacceptable.

I might add that in any other circumstance, a city, village, township, or county that failed to address this problem now, but waited until later in their fiscal year, would be criticized by us for fiscal mismanagement.

We should not condone these fiscally irresponsible actions, and we

Respectfully yours,
Ken Sikkema
State Senator

CITY OF INKSTER
PUBLIC AUCTION

Please be advised that a Public Auction will take place at the Inkster Police Department, 27301 S. River Park Drive at 9 a.m., on

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2002

Inspection of items will take place at 8:30 a.m. Items which will be auctioned may include property confiscated, forfeited or abandoned and surplus items from various city departments.

Mrs. Kimberly Turner
Inkster City Clerk

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August 1, 2002
August 8, 2002

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED
RESOLUTION CREATING A BROWNFIELD
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY
OF INKSTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 381
OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF
MICHIGAN OF 1996, AS AMENDED

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a public hearing shall be held before the City Council of the City of Inkster, on the 28th, day of August 2002, at 7:00 p.m. in the Booker T. Dozier Recreation Complex at 2025 Middlebelt Road, Inkster, Michigan on the adoption of a proposed resolution creating a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for the City of Inkster within which the Authority shall exercise its powers, all pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Authority Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended.

At the hearing, all citizens, taxpayers and property owners of the City of Inkster and officials from any taxing jurisdiction whose millage may be subject to capture under any Brownfield plan that may be adopted with respect to an area or areas within the City shall have the right to be heard in regard to the establishment of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

The City of Inkster will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the public hearing, to individuals with disabilities upon five (5) business days written notice. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Inkster at (313) 563-3211.

Kimberly Turner
City Clerk

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August 8, 2002

Sound Off

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Officials need to respect workers instead of playing politics with them

Have Westland's city employees lost their voice? Don't let anyone tell you what to do or how to spend your union's money.

Most Westland workers know what really goes on and they see wasteful spending and have observed careless, self-serving decisions over the years.

Our leaders need to respect those individuals and quit using them for political gain.

Why replace perfectly good streetlights when they are still working?

The citizens of Westland were asked to give more tax money to help the unending sanitation debt while spending continued. Talk of a fancy skate park and a new ice arena. New streetlights with an old-fashioned look will soon grace Ford road.

Why replace perfectly good streetlights when they are serving their purpose? Spend the money on lights in areas that remain dark and unsafe if you need to spend the money at all.

Why must politicians constantly try to make themselves look good at the taxpayers' expense?

CITY OF INKSTER
REQUEST FOR BIDS

THE CITY OF INKSTER, will receive bids at the OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, 2121 Inkster Road, Inkster, Michigan 48141 until August 19, 2002, 10:00 a.m. for the following:

PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A
PERMANENT RESTROOM FACILITY

Specifications and bid forms are available in the Purchasing Department, 2121 Inkster Road, Inkster, Michigan 48141 or by calling 313-563-0251. Questions regarding specifications should be directed to Ron Wolkowicz, Director of Inkster Parks and Recreation, at 734-728-7530, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

THE CITY OF INKSTER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS TO AWARD SPLIT BIDS, AND TO WAIVE ANY IRREGULARITIES OR ACCEPT ANY BID IT MAY DEEM TO BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITY OF INKSTER.

Kimberly Turner
City Clerk
2121 Inkster Road
Inkster, MI 48141

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McBeth retains City Golf Crown



Back in the winner's circle for the second consecutive year is Sky McBeth, who captured the overall medalist honors and also the Bill Hawley-Tom Mooradian Trophy for his performance in the 2002 summer classic. McBeth put together rounds of 74-73 for a 36-hole total of 147 for his triumph over a field of seasoned golfers.



Keith Kiesznowski (above) continued his monopoly on the City of Wayne's title as he captured his fifth straight championship for the city. He automatically received the Len Anderson Memorial Trophy, awarded to the Wayne City Champion by the Wayne Police Officers' Association.



Untouchable Karen Blackney was unbeatable at the 2002 City Championship Golf Tournament. She has posted victories in the two years she has competed. In second place in the Women's Flight was Cindy Youmans, (above, at right), while Renee Gibbons finished with the third place trophy.

Sky's 147 tops a field of seasoned golfers

No force that gathered in the skies above or on the greens below at Gateway Golf Course in the City of Romulus managed to stop Sky McBeth from his date with destiny.

A year older - and his game refined - McBeth played superlative golf on Saturday when he shot a two-over-par 74 - and came back on Sunday on a tortuous golf course to card a 73 - to win the 2002 City Championship by five strokes over perennial title challenger, Westland's Mark Morton.

It was McBeth's second consecutive summer classic victory, and he rightfully claimed the coveted medalist trophy, plus the Open Division trophy, with a smile and a com-

ment: "It is always great to win."

No one could stop the young golfer from repeating.

"He was the best golfer out there," said Jeff Rutter, tournament director. "Although it was hot and humid on Sunday, I don't think you could have found two days better suited to play than this weekend. All of those who participated said that they enjoyed the tournament and the competition."

Rutter also noted that all of the excellent competitors who have flocked to the tournament year in, year out, were out in the field again for the 2002 tournament.

McBeth proved to the veteran-packed field of competitors that his

2001 victory was no fluke. He held off threats to his young dynasty from Morton, a four-time champ, who had more than his share of problems in the first round when he had an unacceptable 78. Though his ego was hurt, it didn't stop the Westland golfer from shooting a 74 for the second round. He checked into the clubhouse with a 36-hole total of 152.

Morton was runner-up for the tournament and also the city champ for Westland.

Keith Kiesznowski also was forced to come back from a horrendous first round 80. Kiesznowski's second round performance of 73 earned him the City of Wayne's city title. With the city's title also came

the Len Anderson Memorial Trophy, a trophy presented by the Wayne Police Officers' Association in honor of the one officer in the department's history to lose his life in the line of duty.

Morton defeated Al Spencer, who finished nine-strokes back with 161 for the second-place trophy, in the battle of Westland.

In the Senior Division, three familiar names stood atop of the bracket. Bill Armstrong had rounds of 76 and 82 to finish with the gold medal, while Bill Hawley, who struggled in the first round when he carded an 80, did not improve in the finals and took an 82 for 162 and second place. Paul Massimilla, who has

played in more than a score of the tournaments, was third with 167.

One of the closest waged battles for a city title was in the Canton Championship Flight. Eric Spencer managed to shave four strokes off his first-round effort of 80 in the finals and finished with 156. He had a three-stroke cushion over runner-up John Gabossi, who turned in rounds of 81-89 for 159. Woody Breish carded 162 for third place honors.

In the battle for the Women's crown, Karen Blackney was in a class by herself as she fired a 159 on rounds of 80-79 to retain the title she won a year ago.

There were two new champions in the 2002 classic.

Spencer was runner-up a year ago to Gabossi, but this year Eric edged out his arch-rival and replaced him on the throne. In the Senior Flight, Hawley, the defending senior champ, surrendered his title to Armstrong, who won by four strokes.

The City Championship Golf Tournament is co-sponsored by the Wayne Parks and Recreation Department and is a pre-qualifying tournament for the Michigan Parks and Recreation's state tournament. Golfers who finished in the top five of the championship flight may be invited by their cities to make up the five-person team that will compete this fall on the state level.

City Golf Championship Tournament Results

2002 City Championships Golf Tournament Results

Sky McBeth - 74-73-147
Overall Medalist
Bill Hawley-Tom Mooradian Trophy Winner

Lenny Anderson Trophy Winner
Wayne Champion - Keith Kiesznowski 80-73-153

Wayne Championship Flight
Champion: Keith Kiesznowski 80-73-153
Runner-Up: Bill Hawley 80-82-162
3rd Place: Scott Jones/Ted Salvadori 86-82-168

Wayne 1st Flight
Champion: Ivan Jimenez 90-88-178
Runner-Up: Greg Baracy 90-89-179
3rd Place: Larry Wilson 90-92-182

Westland Championship Flight
Champion: Mark Morton 78-74-152
Runner-Up: Al Spencer 81-80-161
3rd Place: Chris Kiesznowski 80-82-162

Westland 1st Flight
Champion: Ray Lanszki 87-80-167
Runners-Up: Jim Regulski 83-86-169
John Fargo 87-82-169

Westland 2nd Flight
Champion: Mike Hodge 89-81-170
Runner-Up: Tom Gibbons 93-81-174
3rd Place: Terry Castillo 92-87-179

Open Championship Flight
Champion: Sky McBeth 74-73-147
Runner-Up: Greg Gilha 78-78-156
3rd Place: Bill Armstrong 76-82-158

Open 1st Flight
Champion: Ed Wolfe 91-91-182
Runner-Up: Rudy Rosas 91-93-184
3rd Place: Craig Kiesznowski

97-87-184
Senior Division Champion
Champion: Bill Armstrong 76-82-158
Runner-Up: Bill Hawley 80-82-162
3rd Place: Paul Massimilla 83-84-167

Canton Championship Flight
Champion: Eric Spencer 80-76-156
Runner-Up: John Gabossi 81-78-159
3rd Place: Wood Breish 78-84-162

Canton 1st Flight
Champion: Paul Massimilla 83-84-167
Runner-Up: Bob Selberg 88-86-174
3rd Place: Steve Bullock 91-87-178

Women's Open Division
Champion Flight
Champion: Karen Blackney 80-79-159
Runner-Up: Cindy Youmans 80-79-159
3rd Place: Renee Gibbons



A year ago, Bill Hawley (at left) managed to hold off a challenge from Bill Armstrong (center) to win the Senior Flight championship. It was a different story, however, in 2002 as Armstrong came back and avenged his loss and walked off with the championship trophy. Paul Massimillo is holding the third-place trophy.

Twisters take Southern Michigan by Storm

They breeze to 4th victory, 78-0

The Michigan Twisters brushed aside the first of their cross state rivals this past Saturday by a severely lopsided score of 78-0. From the opening kickoff it seemed like every play the Twisters executed resulted in a score one way or another. Four of their 14 plays in the first period were for TDs. By half-time the Twisters had posted 50 unanswered points. Basically, the Storm was no match on either side of the ball for the high flying Twisters as they recorded their fourth straight win in as many starts.

The Twisters defense and special teams were at the very pinnacle of their game, snuffing out each and every effort by the Storm to get on track. It appeared that the Storm completely broke under the devastating pressure, as they were sacked on four occasions, as well as falling victim to five aerial picks, two of

which were returned for TDs.

Linebacker Brian Wright (Canton) had the first of these two scoring picks midway into the first period, racing 19 yards to paydirt. Joining Brian was OLB Aaron Brothers (Canton) getting his pick early in the third period and scampering 43 yards behind solid downfield blocking for his TD. The other three interceptions were by DB Shaun Blackmon (Ypsilanti) with a 10 yard return, DE Kevin Smith (Ann Arbor) plus 9 yards, and Craig Curry (Garden City) with plus 26 yards.

While all of this was taking place LB Kam Watson (Romulus) scooped up a Storm fumble and sprinted 18 yards for his first TD as a Twister. Matt Koskie (Westland) again turned in a consistent perfor-

mance with three tackles, a recovered fumble, and rushing 46 yards on four carries, scoring his first TD as a Twister. Rookie Patrick Gibson (Novi) booted 10 of 10 PATs and led the kickoff "hit" crew with 12 kicks high and deep, making it next to impossible for the Storm to mount any serious return threat. In this category, the Storm gathered 114 yards on 12 returns, averaging just under nine yards. In all, the Storm executed a total of 52 plays, recording a grand total offensive output of 40 yards with four of 29 for 28 yards passing and generating just 123 yards on 23 carries rushing.

On the offensive side of the ball, QB Orlando Wright was only 6 of 17 for 98 yards, but of the six, three

went for TDs. One was a three yarder to Donti Hamilton (Ypsilanti), a 42 yard aerial hookup to Charles Fountain (Westland) and a 13 yard strike to Jason Gibson (Milan). Jason added his second TD of the game on a two yard plunge in the third period. In addition to Jason's output, Jaquan Wright (Van Buren) scored two TDs rushing on four of 46, Surili Powell (Livonia) was also four for 45 and a TD while Matt Koskie was five for 54 and a TD. Offensively, the Twisters runningbacks carried the ball 23 times for a total of 198 yards, scoring five TDs. The Twisters special kick return team, amassed a total of 163 yards on five returns. Shaun Blackmon, one for 42 yards; Donti Hamilton two for 52; DaVaughn Smith

(Ypsilanti) one for 30, and Charles Fountain, one for 39.

"There were a number of other players turning in outstanding performances, including John Irvine (Livonia) as he led the kickoff special team with a solo tackle and five assists. Rookies DL Richardson Lacy (Livonia) and center Otis "Baby Face" Smith, Jr. (Inkster) are to be commended for stepping up and filling the shoes of injured starters Percy Wright (Ypsilanti) and Earl Sutton (Detroit). Percy and Earl should be healthy by this coming Saturday's game the Twisters hit the road to Battle Creek to take on the undefeated Southwest Michigan Rage. Both Percy and Earl are extremely important elements to the team's fur-

ture. "If they happen to miss the next two games against the Rage and the LSFL Central Ohio Lions, our desire to go undefeated could be threatened," stated Twister GM Glenn Brothers.

The Twisters travel to Battle Creek August 10 to lock horns with the Southwest Michigan Rage at Battle Creek Central High School with kickoff at 7:00 p.m. The following Saturday the Twisters will be returning to Willow Run's Devlin Stadium to face the Lakeshore Football League's reigning champions. Last year, the Lions captured the LSFL Championship by defeating the Twisters 22-19 with only seconds remaining. This game had the makings of a "not to be forgotten game" as was the case between the Twisters and the TWolves at Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium just two weeks ago.

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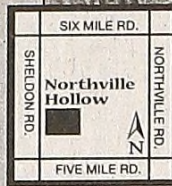
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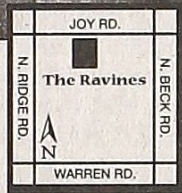


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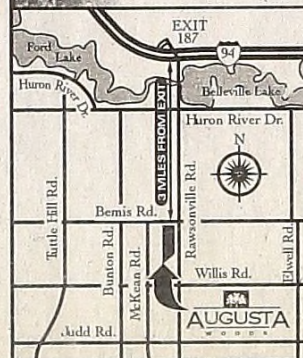
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April Garrett (Parent of August Garrett)

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M. Jeannie Fields (Coordinator of Inkster Weed and Seed):

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